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Curriculum vitae

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EDUCATION

- PhD (2013) Anthropology, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
Concentrations: Cultural Anthropology; Environmental Anthropology
Specializations: International Development Specialization
Gender, Justice and Environmental Change Specialization
Dissertation Title: *The Price of Trees: Producing Carbon Commodities and Conservation in Malawi's Protected Areas*
- MA (2009) Anthropology, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
- BA (2005) *summa cum laude*, University Honors in International Studies and French, University of Denver, Denver, CO
Concentrations: International Development; Gender and Development
Minor: Economics

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2014-present Postdoctoral Research Associate (Research Scientist 1), Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences (CIRES), University of Colorado-Boulder and the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Boulder, CO
- 2012 Technical Editor, Malawi Project Proposal for Verified Carbon Standard and Climate, Community and Biodiversity Alliance (VCS+CCB), Terra Global Capital, LLC, San Francisco, CA
- 2008-2010 Managing Editor, *Gendered Perspectives on International Development Resource Bulletin* (formerly *WID Bulletin*), Center for Gender in Global Context, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

2008 Grant Research Assistant, Center for Gender in Global Context, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS RECEIVED

2013 Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Michigan State University

2011-2012 Fulbright U.S. Student Fellow in Anthropology (dissertation field research fellowship), Fulbright International Institute for Education (IIE)

2011 Gender, Justice and Environmental Change Doctoral Dissertation Research Award (field research grant), Center for Gender in Global Context, Michigan State University

2009 Title VI Foreign Language and Area Studies Academic Year Fellowship – Intermediate Chichewa, Center for Advanced Study in International Development and Center for Gender in Global Context, Michigan State University

2009 International Studies and Programs Pre-dissertation Travel Award (field research fellowship), Michigan State University

2009 Title VI Foreign Language and Area Studies Summer Fellowship – Beginning Chichewa, Center for Advanced Study in International Development and Center for Gender in Global Context, Michigan State University

2008 Title VI Foreign Language and Area Studies Academic Year Fellowship – Beginning Chichewa, Center for Advanced Study in International Development and Center for Gender in Global Context, Michigan State University

2007-11, 2012-13 University Distinguished, Michigan State University

2001 Chancellor's Scholarship, University of Denver, Denver, CO

PUBLICATIONS AND TECHNICAL REPORTS

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapter

Yocum, Heather (*under review*) "Equity Concerns in REDD+ Planning and Implementation: A Case Study from Malawi," in *The Carbon Fix: Global Equity and the New Environmental Regime*. Shirley Fiske and Stephanie Paladino, eds. Walnut Creek, CA: Left Coast Press

Reports

Terra Global Capital, LLC (2014). Contributor, Malawi Project Proposal for Verified Carbon Standard and Climate, Community and Biodiversity Alliance (VCS+CCB)

Yocum, Heather (2007). Nicaragua Country Desk Study (considered for the 2007-2011 Strategic Plan) Water for People, Denver, CO

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

National Conferences

- April 2015* “REDD Violence, Green Violence: Webs of Violence and Carbon Offsets in Malawi.” Paper accepted for presentation at the Association of American Geographers’ Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- 2014 “Beyond ‘Pixels and Bits’: Encounters with Climate Knowledge and Uncertainty.” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C.
- 2013 “The (In)Visible Hand?: Investors, Markets, and Carbon Projects-As-Development in Malawi.” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL
- 2013 “Good Air, Bad Air: Communicating Carbon and REDD+ Projects in Malawi.” Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Denver, CO
- 2012 “‘It *Becomes* Scientific’: Creating REDD+ Projects in Malawi’s Protected Areas.” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA
- 2010 “Carbon Sequestration Projects and Forest Governance in Malawi.” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, LA
- 2008 “Gendered Dimensions of Climate Change in Malawi.” Presidential Invited Panel, American Anthr-opological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

Campus and Local Conferences

- May 2015* Heather M. Yocum, Andrea J. Ray, Balaji Rajagopalan, “Adaptation Barriers and Opportunities in the Prairie Potholes Region.” Accepted for presentation at the North Central Climate Science Center’s Open Science Conference, May 2015.
- 2014 Heather M. Yocum and Andrea J. Ray, “An Interdisciplinary Approach to Understanding the Climate Science Needs of Natural Resource Managers in the Prairie Potholes Region

(PPR).” Poster presented at the CIRES Rendezvous, Boulder, CO

- 2014 Heather M. Yocum and Andrea J. Ray, “Understanding the Climate Science Needs of Natural Resource Managers in the Prairie Pothole Region.” Poster presented at the CIRES Rendezvous, Boulder, CO
- 2010 “Impacts of carbon sequestration projects on management of and access to forest resources in Malawi.” Poster presented at Climate Change Vulnerabilities and Opportunities Conference, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
- 2009 “Localizing ‘Global Warming’: Climate Change, Environmental Policy, and Community Participation in Malawi.” Graduate Research Symposium, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
- 2008 “What are We ‘Developing’ Here?: Co-optation and Marginalization in Community-Based Development Programs.” MSU Africanist Graduate Student Conference, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
- 2005 Panelist, “Gender-Based Violence.” University of Denver Diversity Summit, Denver, CO

Panels and Sessions organized

- 2014 “Accounting for Climate: Measurement, Management & Mysticism.” Two-part panel co-organized with Cynthia Isenhour for the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C.
- 2010 “Ca\$hing in on Conservation.” Panel co-organizer with Mamta Vardhan for the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, LA

Conferences Organized

- 2007-2008 Organizing Committee, First and Second Annual MSU Africanist Graduate Student Conference, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND CERTIFICATES

- 2014 Selected for participation in “Uncertainty in Climate Change Research: An Integrated Approach.” Advanced Study Program Summer Colloquium, National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR), Boulder, CO
- 2003 Superior level certificate, French Language, Centre International d’Etudes Françaises, Université Catholique, Angers, France

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor Positions

- 2011 Social and Cultural Analysis (upper-division anthropological theory seminar with 6 students), Department of Anthropology, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
- 2010 Socio-Cultural Diversity (introductory cultural anthropology course with 34 students), Department of Anthropology, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

Teaching Assistant Positions

- 2011 Global Diversity and Interdependence (interdisciplinary core curriculum course on globalization with approx. 220 students), Department of Anthropology and Center for Integrated Social Sciences, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
- 2010 (Online) Navigating Another Culture (online course with approx. 200 students), Department of Anthropology, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
- 2010 Gender in Cross Cultural Perspectives (course with 98 students), Department of Anthropology, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
- 2009 Time, Space, Change in Human Society (general social science education course focused on Physical Anthropology with approx. 215 students), Department of Anthropology and Center for Integrated Social Sciences, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- 2014 Reviewer, North Central Climate Science Center DRI Proposals, Colorado State University
- 2014 Reviewer, FY 2014 Grant Proposals, Plains and Prairie Potholes Landscape Conservation Cooperative, US Fish and Wildlife Service
- 2013 Volunteer alumni interviewer, Ami Hyde Interview for undergraduate applicants, University of Denver, Denver, CO
- 2012-2015 Fulbright Alumni Ambassador, Fulbright Program and Institute of International Education

- 2009 "Climate Change, Environmental Policy, and Community Participation in Malawi: An Overview." Presentation for Channing Unitarian Universalist Church, Edmond, Oklahoma
- 2007-2013 Graduate Students in Anthropology (Vice President 2008-2009)
- 2007-2011 Graduate Employees Union (Anthropology Steward 2007-2009)
- 2004-2008 Member of the Board, International Peace Initiatives, Denver, CO (Denver Events Chair, 2005-2006)

FIELD RESEARCH AND INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2014 North Dakota and Montana (1 month)
- 2009, 2011-2012 Field Research, Malawi (13 months)
- 2004 Field Research and NGO Field Internship, Gakurine, Meru, Kenya (3 months)
- 2004 International Service Learning, Western Cape, South Africa (2 months)
- 2003 Research and Language Immersion, Université Catholique de l'Ouest, Angers, France (4 months)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2005 Marshall Scholarship Competition Finalist
- 2004 Phi Beta Kappa (inducted as a junior)
- 2001 National Merit Scholar

MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 2007-present American Anthropological Association (AAA)
- 2009-present Anthropology and the Environment (Section of the AAA)
- 2008-present Society for Applied Anthropology (SFAA)
- 2007-2009 African Studies Association (ASA)